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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

He who makes duly his stand
and right his unvarying rule
will not come far short of suc-
cess in any of his undertakings
and whatever he lacks, God will
supply.

Henryville is the standard
 coin of the people, but principally
 is the refined gold of the ages.
 On this account it is better to
 lose a friend than to follow him
 into that which you are impress-
 ed is wrong.

There is danger of taking to

ABOUT THE COUNCIL.

In our issue of September 9, 1957, we discussed, under the head of "Ordination," the vital question, "Who may depose an ordained minister?" In that discussion, we showed from the best of standard authorities that it should only be done by a council of the sisterhood of the churches properly called and orderly convened for that particular purpose by the church wishing its advice and council, after which that council would cease to exist.

As far as we have observed, there has been no worthy reply or serious attempt at a refutation of our reasoning and conclusions, but only now and then and here and a snifle or a flout, which was not indicative of careful thought but rather of prejudice. Therefore we are left master of the situation as to how an ordained minister may be deposed, and by whom. Now we distinctly assert that our positions are beyond the reach of successful assault or refutation, and for that reason we stand by the principle of calling and convalidating the council that met on the 7th of December, 1897, at McComb City, upon the invitation of the Zion Hill church, to inquire into and advise her as to the doctrinal views of her pastor, Rev. M. T. Martin, and the proper course for her to pursue with regard to him.

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As would put in harmony with the doctrine that was agreed to by the brethren with the understanding that it had no reference to published views in his paper to any personal examination of private conversation, matters being left for inquiry by some possible future of the sisterhood of the church. As the matter now stands, we have decided to have pressed the question of this particular case by the method as far as practicable or as we face of such and content not to say recollection. We have concluded to suspend any further action in that direction responsibility for whatever evil may come upon those who had it about.

It is enough for us that our custom in this as we have all clearly made known unprejudiced Trade RECORD have seen a has been to secure b and orderly change. First, if possible, stement and adjustment tion of the difference and methods in the of heresy as would formity in faith an and Second, if it clearly define and s

out of nation, we will make haste to step down
 something and out. Until then, here is our
 ing that good right hand to all who are
 is pub- prove of our policy, for every
 licat- good word and work" as at pres-
 ion or ent-carried forward. What say
 you brethren to all of this?

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

We greet our readers with the hearty wish and earnest prayer for a happy and prosperous New Year. Our purpose this year is to make THE RECORD better still, so that it may be more nearly worthy of the commendations and praises that we have received of late. The substance, as well as the statements of not a few of our Christmas letters, was that the paper is "better than it has ever been," and many good brethren have said, "Stand your ground for righteousness, fairness and truth and the Lord will be with you. Count also on us for all we can do." We thank the Lord and take courage.

WE gladly welcome back to the editorial fraternity, our beloved friend and former associate, Roy Dr. G. W. Gardner, formerly of Port Vally, Ga. He has become part owner and office editor of *The South Carolina Baptist*, published at Greenwood, S. C. The two numbers that we have received are of such a master of excellence in the mechanical skill and edi-

BRO. BATES AND THE RECORD.

We suppose Bro. Bates re-
garded his communication to the
Layman of the 23rd of December
as too eminently classical and
refined for the volumes of so
"coarse" a journal as *THE BAPTIST*
RECORD. Or possibly he
felt that he would be securing
against pursuit as it is so clearly
the policy of that paper to deny
anything like a "fair" discus-
sion or just rejoinder. One
would think from our Bro.
Bates' style of expressing him-
self as to the manners of *THE*
RECORD that he was so classical
as to have been fed by the furies
on violet nectar, with spoons made
of the shimmering unconcerns,
and that he was very little long-
er to exist on these shores of
mundane dirt. Well, yes, no
doubt such "coarse" words in a
family paper" were quite enough
to make such a piece of super-
refinement take an earthquake
of pause. If Bro. Bates should
ever get his nerves sufficiently
quivered to review his effusion
perhaps he will be ashamed of
the folly of doing even in worse
form, that which accuses
his brother of doing in the best.
It may be that the *Layman*, edit-
ed by such support, since he
seems not to have the grit to
speak out in his own defence.
But it might be inter-
esting to some people to know

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In our *minutes*, after the
 Theological Assembly, in the
 last 40 years of speaking of the
 correct method of solving ques-
 tions of ministerial history, the
 types made us say that it is *not*
 the proper way, etc., when we
 wrote without the *et* saying
but is the proper way.

THAT was a splendid article from Bro. H. A. in the last issue of THE REFORMER. "The Tendency of the Times," and timely as it is good. Be sure that you not only read it carefully but put it in your scrap-book if you do not put the paper by the door. It is worth many reads.

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unavoidably and with reluctance to a centralized ecclesiastical structure, leading on to gain a hierarchy and an absolute despotism. That was in the assembly.

McCub City on the contrary, the representative of all the at least eleven sister churches, and of course enough to carry a majority on the business of the day, but I was aware that in that respect to the gravity of the questions involved in the possibility of acceptance for non-acceptance of the decisions of a minority member in general, one of the large number who had arrived there, and as possible result, it might be the part of the community to decide to "agree to disagree" and then the willing body to the church call for the majority may be willing to say that we are all men of positive and good on both sides of the questions involved, we

Others in the congregation who had heard the sermon all but agreed to the proposition. As to the proposition concerning the founding of Rev. M. T. Martin, which any one of them had heard, said the speaker that it was "dreadfully" such the school

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We close this affirming our devotion to *stated lay* and *moderacy* that is of our churches' *past role* and *ecclesiastical method* questions of *magisterial* *hierarchy* doctine as *agreed* and *unapplied* and *conviction*

We also stand
fastly to maintain
and practice our
dealing with all
without a compromise
we have done for
ally an whose
or go to last
to be heard
a believe was
heart of the
will have the
support of
When we find
come. If we
must resort to
whacking and
nation. In order
defend the cause
please our hearts

If a noble and useful feature of
 Gardner is rated as a fine busi-
 ness manager, and a good associ-
 ationist and close co-operator,
 that his ability as a writer of
 him ranks among the first of a
 newspaper men. We shall have
 cause to be grateful to him for
 the assistance he gives us.
 The Baptist Record, which
 so much needed it, will thus
 ways wish him well in his
 largest success in this new en-
 terprise for which he seems
 well fitted. Of one thing we
 will assure, The South Carolina
Baptist will give out his unceas-
 ing stand concerning the 'gre-
 de' of our God given tal-
 ent always. Have 'the' courage
 of his convictions, and will n-
 fail to deal with men and
 tions on the principles of truth
 and fairness. It will always
 have a prominent corner on our
 table and its office editor a val-
 uable place in our hearts.

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MATERIALS

On Dec. 10, 1931, at the
the home of the parents, John
born Rodney M. S. M.
The Crows to Mrs. S. M.
and the mother of the
groom's son of Mr. J. W.
for many years, a staunch
and strong Baptist. On
The boy deceased was
under the nursing and
Mr. M. M. A.
The mother of the boy
is a native of the
most of the children's
just from them and
their burial day.

